

St. Brigid's Parish, Blanchardstown Newsletter

4th Sunday of Easter—5th May 2019



Today, we are given the image of Jesus as the Shepherd and of his people as the flock. We hear the words 'I know them.' Jesus knows each person intimately. He knows our deepest desires, our worries and fears, our insecurities and pain. Jesus is as close to us as our own breathing. Nobody can interfere with this intimate friendship, even though at times we may feel differently. We may experience discrimination because of our faith, or be attacked in some way. When things are not going so well, we may feel as if Jesus has abandoned us; sometimes we simply want to give up on the whole thing. We become distant. Let this passage be a reminder to us that Jesus is always very close to us and knows our struggles. We simply need to share those struggles and fears with Him, for 'no one will snatch them [you] out of my hand.'

Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his message for the Day, Pope Francis reminds us "Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us."

Castleknock Community College Plant Sale

This weekend— 11th and 12th May
10am to 5pm.
All proceeds go to the school

ANNUAL HEALING MASS



Our Mass of healing—Mind, Body and Spirit will take place this **SUNDAY 12TH—NO PARKING FEES**

The Encounter. Join other young adults (20's & 30's) for The Encounter on Friday, May 17 at 8.00pm in St Paul's Arran Quay. Our musician and guest speaker for the night is Cormac Buckley. Email st.pauls@dublindioocese.ie and www.facebook.com/theencounterdublincity

Anam Cara North Dublin, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 15th May at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents.

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Annual Parish Pilgrimage

Saturday 8th June

Theme: Relationship with God, the World and Each Other

Glenree Peace and Reconciliation Centre
&

An Tairseach Retreat centre
& Organic Farm and Ecology Centre
(a calm and tranquil space, ideal for resting
& recharging body, mind & soul)

*Followed by Mass in the centre chapel
& finishing with dinner in the Clayton
Hotel, Leopardstown*

Bus leaves at 9.30am – back at approx. 8pm

Cost €50

(includes morning coffee & dinner)



**Please Welcome our
recently baptised**

Robyn, Patrick, Ivy, Eoin &
Dwayne

READERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7pm: John McNulty
9am: Sheila Gouldson
10.30am: Saritha Moras
12 noon: Carla Salvaleon
7pm: Maeve O'Donoghue

Please note: No canvassing for elections in church grounds at any time

Intentions	12th May	19th May
Sat. 7pm	John Egan	Ada, Mick & John Greally
10.30am	Teresa Somers	Liam Stuart, Theresa Miller Jack Quirke MM
12 noon	Richard O'Connell John Kane MM	Mary Fahy
7pm	Irene Tierney	-

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

Monday Morning meditation
after the 10am Mass and Rosary.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Mondays @ 7pm in the
Fr. Dungan room

Eucharistic Adoration:

**Tuesday and Fridays
Commences after the 10am Mass and
Rosary and runs until church closing
(usually 8pm)**

All invited to participate

Children's weekly rosary group

Pastoral Centre—Tues. @ 3 pm.
(followed by refreshments and play)
Children of all ages welcome with their
guardians. For more info.
contact Marie - 0877696909

TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP

@ 8 pm in the Jubilee Room

Wednesday evening meditation
7.30pm in the Jubilee Room

First Friday Mass.

**First Friday of every month at 7pm
Mass offered for those on the altar
list of the dead—All welcome**

All church services are available on line via www.blanchardstownparish.ie